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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) JP H07-212395
- (2) JP 2000-278460
- (3) JP 2000-151888
- (4) JP H11-298708
- (5) JP 2000-231521

Documents (1) and (2) were first cited in a Japanese Office Action dated December 1, 2009 in a counterpart Japanese Patent Application, Application No. 2000-399017. An English translation of this Japanese Office Action is enclosed. Also enclosed

are partial English translations of a written Amendment and a written Opinion in regard of that Office Action, both dated January 29, 2010.

Documents (3), (4) and (5) were first cited in a Japanese Decision of Refusal dated January 8, 2010, in a counterpart Japanese Patent Application, Application No. 2000-377047. An English translation of the Decision of Refusal is enclosed.

English abstracts for each of the cited documents (1) through (5) are submitted herewith.

In addition, it is believed that U.S. Patent No. 6,931,432 is an English language counterpart to the cited Japanese language document for Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-278460. Accordingly, attached Form PTO-1449 lists this U.S. document.

In view of the date of these Japanese Office Actions, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in communications from foreign patent office in counterpart foreign applications not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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